



Lake Park Villager

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CLERK'S CORNER

Upcoming Lake Park town meetings:

August 25 – 7:00 PM Parks and Rec Commission

August 26 – 7:00 PM Common Area Planning Task Force

September 4 – 6:30 PM Economic Development
Commission 3316 Faith Church Road

September 9 – 7:00 PM Village Council Meeting

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LAKE PARK SINGLES (AGES 45+)

SEPTEMBER 4, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK SAGES – PICNIC IN THE PARK

SEPTEMBER 12, 4:00 PM, EAT AT 5:00 P.M.

LAKE PARK PLUS – INVESTMENT STUDY GROUP – MEMBER NAIC

SEPTEMBER 24, 7:00 PM, 3603 RUTH ST.

LAKE PARK GARDEN CLUB

SEPTEMBER 20, 10:00 AM, MEET AT COMMUNITY CENTER FOR TRIP TO
NC BOTANICAL GARDENS

LAKE PARK FALL FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 11, 10:00 AM, TOWN CENTER PARK

Villager Schedule

New delivery schedule

The primary purpose of the the *Lake Park Villager* is to serve as a vital communication link between the Council and the residents of Lake Park. One thing that has made this primary purpose challenging is the fact that the publication schedule has been at the beginning of every month. This means that the news from the previous Council meeting is almost a month old.

To remedy this, the Council decided that starting with the July edition, the publication date will be following the council meeting. In this way the relevant information from the Council's meeting can be shared in the Villager as soon as possible. Now, the deadline for articles from the council will be the Friday after every meeting. Then the edition will be completed within the next week.

Council Urges Vigilance

Vandalism costs Village \$3200 since January

During the past Council meeting, the Parks and Recreation Commission brought up a concern that has resurfaced throughout the Village – a willful destruction of public property. Since the beginning of January numerous cases of graffiti have been reported – mainly in the gazebo, on park benches and in the castle at Faith Church & Creft. In some of these cases, the surfaces have been gouged and damaged in other ways. The brickwork on the floor of the gazebo at Founder's Park had to be completely redone. In addition, a lit cigarette caused a fire in the common area between Mimosa and Conifer.

The Council is committed to keeping all of the common areas in good repair so that all residents can enjoy and take pride in their Village. However, to address these issues, the Council has had to spend \$2300 on the graffiti and damage to the brickwork. They have also had to spend \$1000 to take care of the trees damaged by the fire. If this problems continues to escalate, the Council will be forced to cut programs or even look at a tax hike to cover the higher expense. So the Council would like to ask all residents to watch for any suspicious activity, and report that activity right away to the police at 911.

Fish Kill in Lake Park

The pond at Conifer and Sages had a naturally-occurring fish kill during the weekend of August 8,9 and 10. The information that the Council received from several residents who are experts in this area is that it was more than likely caused by low-dissolved oxygen event. This event was probably caused by a turnover in the thermal layers of pond water caused by heavy rainfall the week prior to this event. The cooler rainwater on the surface of the pond, being heavier than the warm surface waters, caused abrupt mixing of

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For Your Information

Planting Advice

As drought conditions continue for our area, it is more important than ever to garden responsibly. Here are some helpful tips on how to do just that:

- Ask your local nursery or Garden Club about drought-tolerant plants
- Increase natural areas that can thrive on rainwater
- Install rain barrels to collect water for use in flower beds and planting areas.
- Opt for drip irrigation to direct water to the roots

Be A Water Watcher!

With the recent fish kill in a pond in Lake Park several residents have asked what they can do if they see something like this. In some cases, what you witness may be a sign of illegal dumping into storm drains or directly into the pond. An indication of that would be discolored and/or foamy water, an accumulation of yard waste, an oily film, or a sediment plume flowing into a pond. Please report as soon as possible anything unusual to the village clerk at (704) 882-VOLP.

the pond and a condition of low dissolved oxygen through the pond.

In all, about 30-40 largemouth bass and 100 small bluegills died. The Council contacted the landscaping company to begin the clean-up of the fish. When they arrived at the pond, the fish had already been eaten by turtles and birds. In total, the unpleasant odor dissipated after three days. Fish kills are fairly common at this time of year in shallow, storm water ponds.

Recent Storm Damage

Recent storms have caused damage around the Community Center. At the end of July, lightning damaged the clock controller in the clock tower and the clerk's computer. The clock unit has been shipped to the manufacturer for repairs and the clerk's computer has been replaced. In addition, a storm blew part of a tree onto the fence surrounding the tennis courts. During the August meeting, the Council approved spending to repair the fence.

Security Reminders

Some homes in Lake Park, especially those with the garage facing an alley, do not have house numbers visible from the street. This poses a significant issue for emergency responders who may be delayed in finding an address. The Council and the Deputies would like to remind everyone to ensure that their house number is clearly visible from the main road in the front of their house.

Recently, Deputy Hannon transferred from Lake Park. The Union County Sheriff's office has assigned Deputy Richard Haywood to serve along with Deputy Ryan Tomberlin.

All Lake Park ordinances carry a \$50 fine for any violations. The village has ordinances that cover items such as a minors curfew, firearms, parking, and actions within the public areas in the village.

Did you know?

The Village's Public Parks ordinance forbids feeding of any waterfowl in the public areas of Lake Park

If you would like see the details of these ordinances, you can view them on www.lakeparknc.gov. Click on "Reference Desk" and there you will see a link to a list of the ordinances. Copies of the ordinances are also available between 9:00 AM and Noon at the community center

ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY: CALL 911